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## OMAHA MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARM POSSESSION

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Charles Lee Rockwood, 38, of Omaha, Nebraska, was sentenced in Omaha today by United States District Judge Laurie Smith Camp, to serve 77 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of federal law. Rockwood was convicted of drug trafficking in 2002. In addition to his prison term, he will serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison.

At 8:40 a.m. on January 25, 2011, Omaha Police observed a Nissan Pathfinder parked near 22nd and N. It bore plates that should have been on a Dodge Neon. Because the Nissan was parked in a high crime area, Officers sat on the car for awhile, eventually observing a man later determined to be Rockwood climb into the driver's seat. As officers approached on foot, Rockwood exited and started to walk away. When they stopped him, he acknowledged it was his car. He had no ownership paperwork with him or in the car, and he stated he bought it a couple of weeks earlier from a friend; the registered owner was yet a third name. The officers decided to tow the car for safekeeping and to inventory it. Under a blanket on the front seat was an unloaded .380 caliber pistol. When booked, Rockwood acknowledged having the gun for protection.

This case was investigated by the Omaha Police Department.

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